

## ***Trouble and Triumph in the House of the Lord***

(Isaiah 48, Preaching: Pastor Stephen Magee, May 9, 2021)

### **1-11 Rebels in the Lord's House**

- [1] Hear this, O house of Jacob, ... who swear by the name of the LORD ... not in truth ...  
[2] For they call themselves after the holy city, and stay themselves on the God of Israel; ...  
[3] The former things I declared of old; ... and they came to pass.  
[4] Because I know that you are obstinate, ...  
[5] I declared them to you from of old, ... lest you should say, 'My idol did them,' ...  
[6] ... From this time forth I announce to you new things, ... that you have not known.  
[7] ... lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew them.'  
[8] ... I knew that you would surely deal treacherously, ... before birth you were called a rebel.  
[9] For my name's sake I defer my anger; ...  
[10] Behold, I have refined you, ... in the furnace of affliction.  
[11] For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, ... My glory I will not give to another.

### **12-22 Necessary Discipline for Israel and the Church**

- [12] Listen to me, O Jacob, ... I am he; I am the first, and I am the last.  
[13] My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; ...  
[14] ... He shall perform his purpose on Babylon, ...  
[15] I, even I, have spoken and called him; I have brought him, and he will prosper in his way.  
[16] ... And now the Lord GOD has sent me, and his Spirit.

- [17] Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:  
I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.  
[18] Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace ... like a river, ...  
[19] your offspring would have been like the sand, ... their name would never be cut off ...  
[20] Go out from Babylon, flee from Chaldea, ... The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob!  
[21] They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; ... water ... from the rock; ...  
[22] "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."

**Key Verse:** Isaiah 48:17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:  
I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.

**THE POINT:** We cannot have abiding spiritual profit unless we reject the supreme ME.

### **Applying these verses:**

- 1 The Babylonian Way of presuming to be your own God is a non-starter with the Lord.
- 2 Count his discipline in your life as necessary correction from a Father who loves you.
- 3 His final Word to you is not "No!" but a triumphant "Yes and Amen!" in Jesus. (2 Cor. 1:18-22)

**Old Testament Reading—Ecclesiastes 7:1-13** – It is better ...

**Gospel Reading—Matthew 9:35-38** – Pray to the Lord of the harvest

**New Testament Reading—Philippians 2:12-30** – God's good pleasure in your sanctification

2 Corinthians 1:18–22

[18] As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. [19] For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. [20] For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. [21] And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, [22] and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

1 Listen to me, O Jacob,  
I am the first, and I am the last.  
For my own sake, O Jacob,  
I do what I do, I am what I am.  
I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit,  
who leads you in the way you should go.

2 Listen to me, my people,  
Jesus is Lord, the "Yes" and "Amen!"  
For my own sake, my people,  
I do what I do, I am what I am.  
I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit,  
who leads you in the way you should go.